




# British National Space Centre (BNSC)

## CEOS Chairmanship 2005

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- The UK is pleased to accept the future challenge of chairing CEOS from Nov 2004 - Nov 2005. The 2003 Plenary here in Colorado has set a high standard.
  - The UK has supported CEOS over many years. Taking the chair in 2004/05 will provide an opportunity to make a direct contribution to building upon the strategic international role for which CEOS was established.

BNSC is pleased to announce that :

**Dr Colin Hicks**

Director General of BNSC



will be chairman during the UK term of office

# Background Information

## The BNSC Partnership:

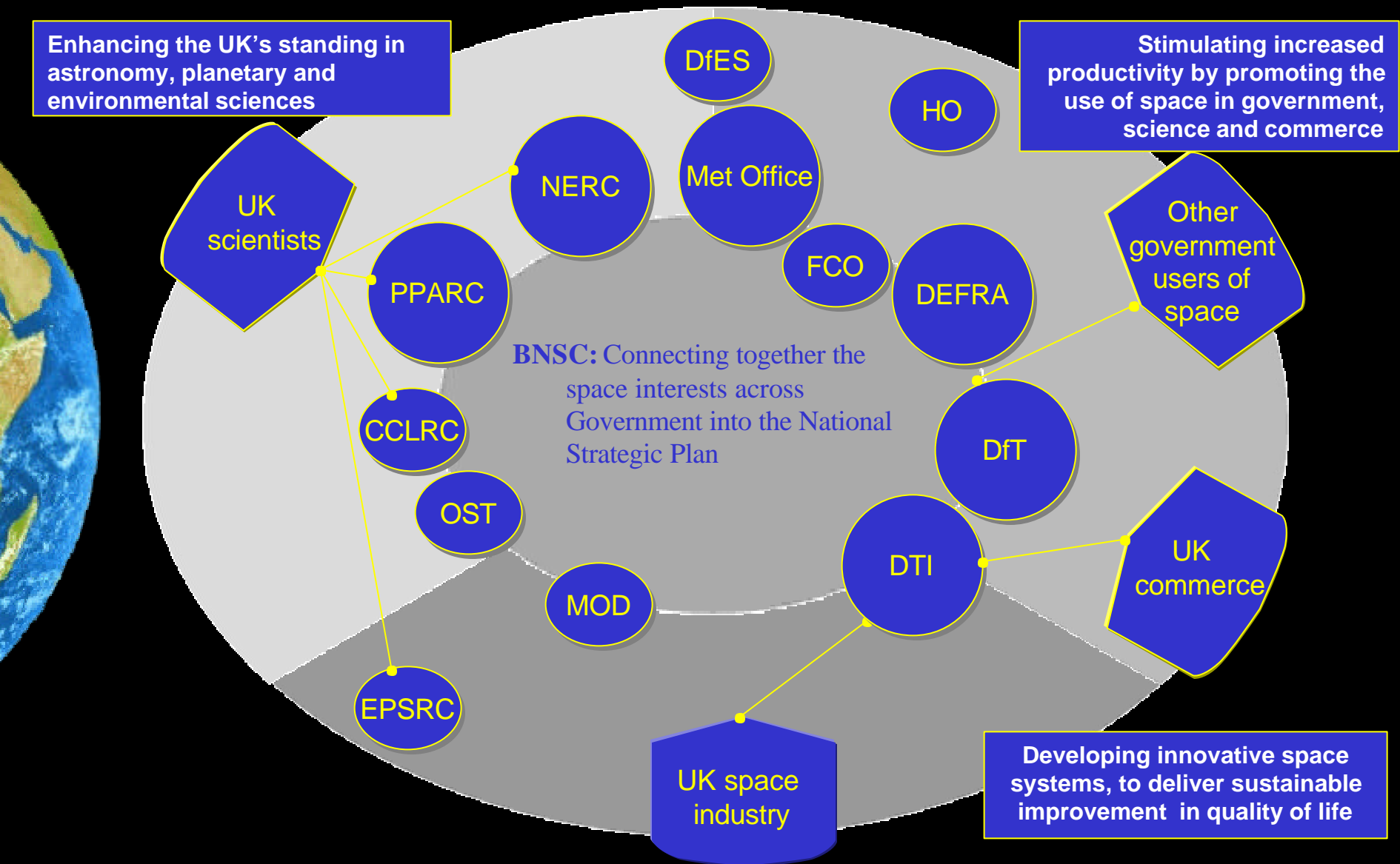
- BNSC is a voluntary partnership made up from Government departments and Research Councils with an interest and involvement in space
- Each partner pursues the objectives of its parent organisation but co-ordinates their efforts through the Partnership
- The Partnership helps to avoid duplication of effort, promotes value for money of public funds and encourages cooperation and transparency across departments and Government organisations.

# The BNSC Partnership Comprises:



Department of Trade & Industry	(DTI)
Office of Science & Technology	(OST)
Department for Transport	(DfT)
Ministry of Defence	(MOD)
Foreign & Commonwealth Office	(FCO)
Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	(DEFRA)
Rutherford Appleton Laboratory	(RAL)
Natural Environment Research Council	(NERC)
Particle Physics & Astronomy Research Council	(PPARC)
Meteorological Office	(Met Office)

# The BNSC Partnership and Stakeholders






## European Space Agency (ESA)

- BNSC also plays a major role in ESA where along with other member states it pursues an EO policy in line with its National aims and objectives.
- The UK currently holds the chair of the ESA Programme Board on Earth Observation through Dr Steven Wilson

# The UK Government's Draft Space Strategy




Science Minister, Lord Sainsbury has unveiled the Government's Plans for UK space involvement for the next 15 years. The draft Strategy sets out proposals to make the UK the most developed user of space-based services in Europe.

The draft Strategy provides a firm overarching rationale for investing in civil space over the medium term. This will enable the UK to challenge in world science, technology and markets and will help it to make important choices. For the first time it also sets out the necessary long-term perspective to 2015.

The Strategy will be published in early 2004

## BNSC Future Aims



The UK will pursue an EO strategic goal of encouraging and establishing the development of self sustaining operational markets through the development of applications and products that address user requirements. A particular area of interest is Humanitarian Aid where timely information is needed to reduce the effects of disasters upon the people affected.



# In Conclusion

BNSC looks forward to the challenge awaiting it in 2005

Tentative Plans are under consideration for the UK 2005 Plenary


Avoiding any clashes of events due to the UK holding both the G8 & EU Presidencies during their CEOS chair

Plan to hold Plenary in the Nov 2005 time frame

Venue to be selected - CEOS members preference for London or elsewhere in UK?

Thanks NOAA for its support to CEOS over the past year

Offer the Chinese our support over the coming year



Further information and links to Partner  
web sites is available at:

**[www.bnsc.gov.uk](http://www.bnsc.gov.uk)**